



Summary Information

Title: Arrington Family Collection
Collection Number: 2013:049
Creators: Marguerite Sapp Arrington
Collection Dates: 1895-1992
Extent: 1 cubic foot
Language: English

Collection Abstract:

This collection contains the history of Jephtha Talmage Arrington, born December 8, 1888 and died July 31, 1972, and Kate Kirby Smith Arrington, born October 16, 1893 and died January 13, 1978. Marguerite Talmage Arrington Sapp, Jephtha & Kate's daughter collected these research materials to write an entry in the Angelina County History Book. The Arrington Family Collection consists of photographs, family history records, deed records and tax records, as well as genealogy material of the Arrington Family, Sapp Family, Smith Family, Husband Family, and Stockstill Family.

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Biographical/Historical Note: This collection contains the history of Jephtha Talmage Arrington, born December 8, 1888 and died July 31, 1972, and Kate Kirby Smith Arrington, born October 16, 1893 and died January 13, 1978. Marguerite Talmage Arrington Sapp, Jephtha & Kate's daughter collected these research materials to write an entry in the Angelina County History Book. Jephtha Talmage Arrington worked for Southern Pine Lumber Company and on Friday 13th 1908 at the age of 19 lost his right arm in the edger belt at the sawmill. He then went to Huntsville, Texas to attend Sam Houston University. In 1913 he met Kate Smith and they married on December 22, 1918 in Teague, Texas. Jephtha and Kate Arrington moved to Lufkin, Texas in 1918 where Kate taught school at Shawnee Prairie, Texas in 1919-1920 and at Diboll Common School District during World War II in 1944-1945. Jephtha Talmage Arrington was Tax Assessor in Angelina County from 1918-1922 and later operated a grocery store on North First Street and Jack Street in Lufkin until 1927. Jephtha and Kate Arrington had two daughters, Marguerite Talmage Arrington, born April 22, 1921 and Zelda Deane Arrington, born June 16, 1924. During the

Depression they moved to Diboll, Texas to his father's farm. Jephtha and his family attended Diboll First Methodist Church.

Collection Scope and Content:

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Arrangement: This collection is arranged and described at the folder and item level.

Subject Terms

Personal Names

- Jephtha Talmage Arrington
- Katie Smith Arrington
- Ossie Green Thompson
- Jephtha Smith
- Marguerite Arrington Sapp
- Zelda Deane Arrington

Family Names

- Arrington
- Smith
- Sapp
- Husband
- McCarty
- Stockstill

Locations

- Burke, Texas
- Lufkin, Texas
- Diboll, Texas
- Vidor, Texas

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Collection Inventory

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- Folder 4 Correspondence of Talmage and Kate Arrington.
- a. To Mr. Bert from Kate Arrington, 1919
 - b. To Brother J.T. Arrington from L.M. Arrington, 1934
 - c. To Mr. Arrington from Wm. Burrows, 1938
 - d. To Kate & Talmage from Ernest Arrington, 1957
 - e. To Talmage from Ernest, 1952
 - f. To Mom and Dad from Virginia Nolen, 1953
 - g. To Aunt Kate from Burke (Lex), 1973
 - h. Father's Day Card to Talmage from Kate
 - i. Dr. S. L. Stevenson, Diboll, Texas Re: J. T. Arrington, 1957
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